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FORMER SERBIAN SOLDIER SENTENCED FOR IMMIGRATION FRAUD AND PERJURY

PHOENIX – A former soldier in the Serbian Army and citizen of Bosnia was sentenced last week to one year in prison for fraudulently obtaining immigration benefits that allowed him to move to the United States.

After completing his sentence, Zdravko Bozic, 40, will be turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for removal from the United States. ICE agents conducted the benefits fraud investigation, with agents from the FBI.

With atrocities committed by both sides during the Bosnian War (1992 to 1995) Bosnians who seek refuge in the U.S. are required to declare in detail all military service, including service in the Serbian Army. Under oath, Bozic made false and fraudulent statements regarding his military that positively influenced his ability to obtain U.S. immigration benefits.

Bozic was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Earl H. Carroll.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.